

JESS CANNOT FIND HEAVIES FOR WORKOUT

Apparently Jess Willard is going to have considerable trouble obtaining sparring partners. Ray Archer, the champion's secretary, who was in New York last week to sign several men, had to go back empty handed. It seems that none of the men he approached cared to act as chopping block for the big fellow. One or two declined because of the faint hope that some day they might get a chance to fight for the title and did not care to lose prestige by acting in such a minor role. Others were not satisfied with the terms offered, being able to make more money boxing in the ring.

May Become Serious.

This sparring partner question threatens to become a serious one as the time for the big battle approaches. As soon as Walter Monahan can obtain his discharge from the army, Willard will have the services of the man who helped condition him for his battle with Johnson and Moran, but

Monahan has done no ring fighting for many years and no longer is able to extend the big fellow. Willard has been out of the ring so long it will take plenty of hard work to round him into form again. If it is possible for him to regain his best condition, plenty of hard glove work is the only thing that will do it. Willard would be far better off if he could fight himself into condition by taking part in several minor bouts in the ring, but since his position and his contract with Promoter Tex Rickard close that road, the only resource left to him is to hire a squad of live wire sparring partners, who can both give and take something more than mere love taps.

Must Learn Again.

Few boxers of Willard's age can withstand punishment well, particularly after being away from the ring for any length of time. The jaw muscles are the first to weaken, so that blows that mean nothing to a fighter who is used to being hammered, will jar and daze the boxer who is not hardened by constant boxing. Up to a year or so ago Willard did considerable boxing while traveling with his circus. It was very light work, but it served to prevent him from losing his judgment of distance and his ability to block. However, it now is some time since he did any sort of glove work.

AUGIE RATNER IS WINNER OVER BRITON IN LONDON

LONDON, March 28.—Auggie Ratner, of the American army, who was victorious in the recent interallied service ring championships here, easily defeated on points Roy McCormick, a British middleweight, last night at the Holborn Stadium. The bout went the limit of fifteen rounds.

HOMER BAKER TO DEFEND BRITISH TRACK HONORS

An American athlete, holder of a British track championship, is planning to go abroad and defend his honors next summer. He is none other than Homer Baker, former half-mile star of the New York A. C. And he has many backers, too, willing to wage dollars to mustard seeds that he'll come home with another trophy.

Baker, in 1914, at that time in his prime, was touring Europe. He entered track meets wherever they could be found, and his string of victories became longer the further he appeared. He found himself in England when the British A. A. staged its annual title games, and entered the half mile. He won easily, thereby being crowned British champion.

The great war began in August, 1914, and England gave up all thought of sports in the face of that grim peril across the Channel. No British championships have been held since that summer, and so, even had he wished, Baker could not have tried his luck again.

But now comes notice that the English will stage their annual title games on July 5, Baker, who has been showing his old-time form in the winter meets around New York, is training carefully. He intends to sail for England and line up on the mark in the half-mile, thinking he can defend his honors successfully.



HOMER BAKER.

COLLEGES TO GET BATTLESTOMORROW SCHOOLS WILL TRY TO STAGE BATTLES

Maryland State and Catholic University will open their baseball season tomorrow afternoon.

The State College lads will engage Georgetown University on the Hill, top while the Catholic University players will take on the Rock Hill College team which was defeated by Georgetown 1 to 0 on Wednesday.

These games are dated for tomorrow if weather conditions are suitable. Managers of the teams will hold off until the last minute before calling the contests off.

Georgetown got away with a 1 to 0 game from Rock Hill Wednesday. The battle was a pitching duel and was a first rate contest for such an early game. In taking on Maryland State, Georgetown is expecting another tough contest. The Staters have had but little practice, but are rounding into first-class shape.

Catholic University knows it is going up against a first-class team in Rock Hill College. The Elliott City lads have plenty of pitchers and can be expected to make the Brooklanders hustle all the way.

STATE TEAM HAS FIVE FORMER SCHOOL STARS

Maryland State College has five former high school baseball stars on the team at present. Bill Bailey, former Central catcher, is doing the backstopping. On second is Johnny Eisenman, who played for Tech two years ago.

On third is "Moon" Hartshorn, Central's shortstop of three seasons ago. In the outfield Bill Molster is playing right field. He played for Central last season. "Schultz" Snyder, Tech's first sacker of two years ago, is playing center field.

PENN CREW CANNOT MEET HARVARD IN DUAL EVENT

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—Announcement was made here today that the University of Pennsylvania has declined Harvard's invitation for a dual rowing regatta on the Charles River on May 3.

Difficulty in securing leave from classes for the members of the crew was given as the reason by John A. Brown, chairman of the rowing committee.

FIFTY-EIGHT STARS IN TENNIS EVENTS

NEW YORK, March 28.—Fifty-eight of the best tennis players in the country will appear in the national indoor championship opening tomorrow in the Seventh regiment armory.

Howard Voshell, of Borough Park, present holder of the title, will play in the upper half, and so will William T. Tilden, second, the noted Philadelphia. Among those who are assigned to the lower half are Vincent T. Richards, the "boy wonder," of Yonkers, and Craig Biddle, of Philadelphia. Tilden and Richards are the favorites. Judging by their performances in recent competitions they are likely to be the survivors in their brackets and meet in the final.

Voshell has been in the army and has not had much practice. As a result he is not expected to be in good enough form to withstand the terrific service game of the elongated Philadelphia. Richards has shown improvement in almost every competition and should give a good account of himself in the battle for the championship.

Biddle played excellent tennis in the South this winter, and a majority of experts predict he will reach the semi-final round.

If Tilden and Richards meet in the final one of the most exciting games of the matches of the year is promised. They have played together in many doubles matches, and as a team won the doubles crown last year.

EVERETT SCOTT IS CHAMPIONS' REBEL

TAMPA, Fla., March 28.—Everett Scott, star shortstop of the world's champions, has not signed his 1919 contract, nor does he give any sign of doing so. He is a plain holdout, although here with the squad in training. Scott wants more money than the amount offered, and he wants the ten days' release clause stricken from his official papers.

The signing of Babe Ruth for three years at a salary of \$50,000 is not making Harry Frazee's task any easier when it comes to satisfying Sam Jones, Carl Mays and Everett Scott. Ruth is admittedly the drawing card of the Red Sox wherever the champions play, but without Mays and Jones, Barrow will have the weakest kind of a pitching staff, and without Scott the infield is a joke. Frazee is expected here tomorrow for a chat with the holdout clan.

CENTRAL LISTS GAMES FOR BASEBALL SEASON

Central High School has announced its baseball schedule for the season. The Mount Pleasant lads have already gotten away with two games, having defeated the Georgetown Preps and Emerson Institute teams.

Here are the Central dates: April 2, Alexandria High, at Alexandria; 11, Baltimore Poly; 15, Episcopal High; 19, Randolph-Macon, at Front Royal, Va.; 22, Episcopal High, at Alexandria; 23, Alexandria High; 26, Loyola High; 29, Western. May 3, Baltimore City College, at Baltimore; 7, Tome, at Tome; 9, Eastern; 13, Baltimore City College; 17, Baltimore Poly, at Baltimore; 20, Tech; 25, Shenandoah Valley, at Winchester, Va.; 27, Business.

MAY MEET LOADMAN.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 28.—Dick Loadman is likely to be the opponent chosen to meet Johnny Kilbane here Monday night in a ten-round bout. If he is, the champion will find another tough nut for him to crack.

WILL HAVE LEAGUE.

The Terminal Railroad Y. M. C. A. will have a league again this season. President G. H. Winslow, of the circuit was made secretary of the Amateur Association, S. M. Falconer asking to be relieved of the duty.

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